"LE CHOIX DES KWAMIS"
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A chaque fois, c'est la même chose. Que ce soit Marinette et Adrien ou Ladybug et Chat Noir, ils ne peuvent jamais vivre d'histoire d'amour à cause de leurs identités secrètes. Tikki et Plagg sont peinés de voir leurs porteurs tristes d'être obligés de renoncer à leurs sentiments. Les kwamis vont alors faire un choix radical qui va changer beaucoup de choses à Paris…

It's the same thing every time. Be it as Marinette and Adrien or as Ladybug and Cat Noir, our heroes' secret identities always prevent them from having a romance. Tikki and Plagg are sorry to see their holders so sad to have to give up on their feelings. So, the kwamis make a drastic choice that will change many a thing in Paris…

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1 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Marinette’s room is plunged into darkness, when Sabine opens the trapdoor. A ray of light lights up the room. Sabine stands there, gently talking to Marinette.

1 SABINE
Marinette, you're going to be really late.

But Marinette doesn’t budge from her bed.

2 MARINETTE
I don't want to go to school, Mom. I'm not feeling well.

Sabine isn't sure what to answer. A beat, and then she gives up.

2 **INT. DUPAIN-CHENG LIVING ROOM - DAY**

Sabine closes the trapdoor and meets Tom, waiting for her downstairs. He looks worried too.

3 TOM
So?

Sabine tries to reassure him:

4 SABINE
She just needs some time. Why don’t you go bake her some chouquettes? I’m sure she’d like that.

Tom nods.

3 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Tikki lands on her holder’s pillow. She's concerned too.

5 TIKKI
You can’t stay in your room forever.

Marinette mumbles, her face buried in her pillow.

6 TIKKI (CONT'D)
What will you do if an akumatized villain shows up?

Marinette looks up and removes one earring...

7 MARINETTE
Just give my Miraculous to whoever you want, Tikki. They could never be as bad as I was!

Tikki turns the earring down. Marinette holds onto it, continuing to feel sorry for herself.

8 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
Nothing ever works out for me! Adrien? Never even started. Luka? Couldn’t work out. Cat Noir? Didn't even get off the ground. I’m so pathetic! *

9 TIKKI
Of course not! You’re an amazing Ladybug!

Insert heroic images of Ladybug fighting beside Cat Noir.

10 MARINETTE
What I am is just a normal girl with a normal life. But there’s something about me that no one knows yet...
(the images crack)
...I’m pathetic!

11 TIKKI
You’re overreacting, Marinette!

12 MARINETTE
Really? Then how come I lost the Miraculous I was entrusted with, all because of love? Love only ever causes problems. I’ll never fall in love again. Love is weak! And I can't even be sad about it, otherwise I might get akumatized!

She holds back her tears. Helpless, Tikki doesn’t know what to do. So, when she sees Alya’s face pop up on the screen of Marinette’s phone as it RINGS, she tries to seize the opportunity:

13 TIKKI
It's Alya! Your best friend! She was a superhero once. She’ll know how to make you feel better!

But Marinette doesn’t want to pick up.

14 MARINETTE
If I talk to her, she’ll catch my weakness.

She declines Alya’s call and buries her head in the pillow again.

The phone RINGS again, but Marinette doesn’t see that this time, it's ADRIEN’s face on the screen. Tikki chooses not to tell her.

4 **INT. CLASSROOM - DAY**

The class ends. The students are already leaving the classroom. Adrien puts his bag over his shoulder, listening to Marinette's voicemail greeting before leaving his desk.

15 MARINETTE (VOICEMAIL)
You've reached the weakest washout on the planet. Don't bother leaving a message, it's pointless.

Adrien turns to Alya -- she's turning off her Alliance ring, which she used to call Marinette before he did.

16 ADRIEN
She's not picking up.

Chloe is about to step out of the classroom. But before she does, she stops by Adrien and Alya.

17 CHLOE
Ha! That reminds me of the good old times, when Dupain-Cheng had to ask for my permission to show up at school!

Chloe leaves the room with a giggling Sabrina in tow.

Miss Bustier has placed Marinette's homework in a red folder. She goes over to Alya to give it to her.

18 MISS BUSTIER
Alya, would you mind taking this homework to Marinette, please?

19 ALYA
Yes Miss Bustier, I'll...

Alya and Nino's gazes meet, and Nino discreetly points to Adrien. Alya looks mischievous, and backtracks...

20 ALYA (CONT'D)
... I can't... busy... but maybe Adrien...

The scheming's gone over Adrien's head.

21 ADRIEN
Yes, of course.

He takes the folder. Alya and Nino share a conniving glance.

5 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Adrien heads towards Marinette's building, feeling guilty.

22 ADRIEN
I'm sure Cat Noir is the reason Marinette's feeling bad.

An impish Plagg pops his little head out of the bag.

23 PLAGG
Uh... you do know that you're Cat Noir, right?

24 ADRIEN
I do, but Marinette doesn't. She has no idea.

25 PLAGG
Well! That's what happens when superheroes flirt: poor Marinette fell in love with Cat Noir and got her heart broken.

Insert images of Cat Noir with Marinette (509_*Elation*).

26 ADRIEN
Yes. That was terrible of me!

27 PLAGG
It was!

Adrien gets outside Marinette's building.

28 ADRIEN
I have to do everything I can to cheer her up. Quick, Plagg, hide.

6 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Sabine pops her head through the trapdoor.

29 SABINE
Someone here to see you, sweetheart.

30 MARINETTE
Tell Alya I'm contagious; she'll catch my weakness!

31 ADRIEN (OFF / IN)
I caught it a while ago, Marinette, so I'm safe.

Marinette facepalms as she recognizes Adrien's voice. She sits up on her mezzanine bed, lit by the ray of light coming from the trapdoor. She sees Adrien's head.

32 MARINETTE
Adrien? You should be at school!

33 ADRIEN
So should you, Marinette. Can I come in?

34 MARINETTE
I'm not worthy to even be looked at by you. *

35 ADRIEN
That's okay, I'm here to listen. Well... if you'll let me.

A beat.

36 MARINETTE
Ok...

Marinette drops back on her bed as Adrien goes to sit on the desk chair.

Sabine leaves them alone, closing the trapdoor as she leaves.

Plagg discreetly flies out of his holder's bag and joins Tikki. The kwamis hide behind the trash can to watch without being seen.

Adrien and Marinette talk without seeing each other.

37 ADRIEN
Doesn't seem like you're doing too great. *

38 MARINETTE
...

39 ADRIEN
Can I help you?

40 MARINETTE
No one can help me, because no one will ever truly know me!

41 ADRIEN
You know, not a lot of people know who I really am either. What people know of me is just an advertising image. But you and me... we could be different. If you wanted to, we could get to really know each other. Don't you think?

In their hiding place, Tikki and Plagg exchange worried looks.

42 PLAGG
(whispering)
Uh – *no*, they can't get to <u>really</u> know each other! What's he up to?

Back to Marinette on her bed.

43 MARINETTE
I can't.

Plagg nods, finding this reasonable; but he meets Tikki's eyes, sadder than ever. This makes Plagg sad.

44 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I can't let anyone love me! And I never will! Even if he were nice, and sweet, and generous, and handsome, and brave!
(a beat)
Even if he were you!

45 ADRIEN
I’m sure I could understand if you would just explain things to me.

Hidden, the kwamis are on the alert. They whisper.

46 PLAGG
We have to step in!

47 TIKKI
We can't! They can't know they're Ladybug and Cat Noir!

Marinette carries on.

48 MARINETTE
No one can understand what I’m going through.

Adrien stands up and looks towards the bed.

49 ADRIEN
You can tell me anything.

Marinette sits up and leans towards him, from her mezzanine bed, her eyes filled with tears, the words stuck in her throat.

50 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Marinette, before anything else, I’ll always be your friend!

51 MARINETTE
And I, before anything else, will always be--

With a leap that surprises Plagg, Tikki pushes the trash can, knocking it over. The kwamis quickly go and hide, each on their separate side: neither Marinette nor Adrien can see them together.

The sudden noise has cut Marinette off.

Adrien turns around and sees the overturned trash can, filled with photos of him. It hurts.

Marinette looks at Adrien as he rights the trash can and puts his modeling photos, now scattered on the floor, back inside. Marinette continues:

52 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I’ll always be... a failure, living a lie, never succeeding in what I set out to do... *

On Tikki, suffering from seeing Marinette suffer.

53 ADRIEN
I don’t care, Marinette. I love you just the way you are!

Marinette is moved, but she fights it. She looks at the Miraculous/earring she took off earlier, still in her hand. And she answers Adrien’s declaration with the opposite of how she really feels.

54 MARINETTE
I don't.

This comes as a shock to Adrien.
Marinette clenches her fist around her Miraculous, and forces herself to say:

55 MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I've had feelings for you, Adrien.
But I don't anymore.
(A beat)
It's better that way.

On Tikki and Plagg sharing a sad look.

7 **EXT. / INT. ARTS CLASSROOM - DAY**

We follow Zoe walking down one of the hallways at school. Attracted by a noise, she walks towards the arts room. There she finds the whole gang, celebrating (cf. party in *Malediktator* when Chloe announces she's leaving Paris). Looking preoccupied, Zoe heads towards Alya.

56 ZOE
Alya, did you hear Marinette's voicemail message?

57 ALYA
Yeah, but that was before, Zoe!

58 ZOE
Before? Before what?

59 ALYA
Before! When Marinette was a complete wreck...

60 NINO
...but Alya sent her the perfect mechanic!

61 ALYA
Adrien!

62 NINO
He's fixing her up as we speak!

An uber-cheerful Marc comes to compliment Alya.

63 MARC
A perfect plan!

While throwing petals to celebrate the news, Rose joins in the explanation to Zoe.

64 ROSE
And when they come back to school, they'll finally be an item!

65 ZOE
But... you guys don’t actually know for sure!

As she's about to answer, Alya gets a call on her Alliance; she looks up: it's her sister Nora. She rejects the call to answer Zoe.

66 ALYA
Trust me: this is it, this time! Come on, party with us!

But Zoe can’t bring herself to party with them; she’s still worried. And rightly so--

8 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

--as Marinette and Adrien are still in the same place.

Adrien is dumbstruck. Marinette’s eyes are brimming with tears. A long silence between them.

Tikki and Plagg, now hiding at a distance from each other, exchange alarmed looks.

Adrien picks up his bag, inside which Plagg discreetly returns.

Adrien heads for the trapdoor. He pauses before he goes down.

67 ADRIEN
I feel like we’ve missed out on something, don’t you?

68 MARINETTE
Maybe.

69 ADRIEN
You think we'll get another chance one day?

Marinette looks at the earring/Miraculous in her hand. Reluctantly, she forces herself to answer:

70 MARINETTE
No.

Adrien closes the trapdoor behind him.

We stay in the room, plunged into darkness.

All we hear are Marinette’s sobs.

9 **INT. STAIRCASE - DAY**

As Adrien walks down the stairs of the building, Plagg tries to comfort him.

71 PLAGG
You know, Adrien, sometimes, when you want to mature a cheese the right way--

72 ADRIEN
(cutting him off)
Not now, Plagg.

Plagg understands that there's no point in insisting. Without Adrien realizing, the kwami leaves his holder's bag and turns back, flying towards Marinette's room.

Adrien has reached the building exit. Tom and Sabine, who were waiting for that moment, go to him with hopeful eyes.

But a teary-eyed Adrien answers before they've even had a chance to question him.

73 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
I'm sorry.

As the schoolboy exits, Sabine and Tom exchange a look, at a loss for words.

10 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR - DAY**

The iris window in Monarch's lair opens.

74 MONARCH
The despair of a boy who has just discovered love, only to find he has already lost it...

The white butterfly lands in his hand. Monarch pauses.

75 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Adrien?

He thinks, hesitates over closing his hand on the bug to turn it into a Megakuma. A beat. He gives up.

76 MONARCH (CONT'D)
No. Dark wings fall.

Monarch turns back into Gabriel.

11 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Plagg joins Tikki in Marinette's room. With a serious look on his face, without Marinette seeing him, he motions for Tikki to meet him on the roof for an urgent talk.

12 **EXT. MARINETTE'S TERRACE - DAY**

77 PLAGG
Sugarcube, having to force them to choose between love and their mission is just awful.

Tikki nods in agreement. Plagg carries on.

78 PLAGG (CONT'D)
Maybe Master Fu was wrong to choose them.

79 TIKKI
No! They're made for each other! Love is what gives them their strength!

80 PLAGG
But the impossible part of that love is destroying them. And I know a thing or two about destruction.

81 TIKKI
What can we do?

82 PLAGG
We must free them of that impossible choice. We must free them of us.

Tikki remains speechless, shocked by Plagg's declaration.

13 **INT. CAFETERIA - DAY**

The atmosphere in the cafeteria is cheerful, as the gang is having lunch thinking that everything's going great for Marinette / Adrien.

83 ROSE
They're finally going to live out their dreams!

Rose looks at Juleka, who smiles to her in return.

84 NINO
And we can finally stop walking on eggshells around them!

Amused wink of complicity from Nino to Alya.

85 ALYA
I can't believe how long it took them to tell each other how they feel!

86 MAX
Precisely 286 days since Adrien came to school. That's 9 months and 12 days!

Alya gets another call from Nora on her Alliance. She rejects the call again, looking annoyed.

Zoe, who still seems worried, addresses the group.

87 ZOE
Has anyone actually talked to them yet?

88 ALYA
No news...

89 MYLENE
...is good news!!

90 NINO
Don't worry, Zoe, I'm sure everything's awesome.

Nino pulls up Adrien's contact sheet on his Alliance.

91 IVAN
You'll disturb them!

92 NINO
Just so Zoe can relax!
(to Alliance)
Alliance, please call Adrien.

14 **CROSS-CUT WITH - INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

Adrien’s smartphone vibrates on his bedside table. Lying on his bed, he doesn’t pick up. Nathalie, sitting next to him, is trying to cheer him up.

93 NATHALIE
Aren't you taking your friend’s call?

94 ADRIEN
I really don’t feel like talking.

95 NATHALIE
He’ll get worried.

The phone keeps buzzing.

96 ADRIEN
Then reassure him for me, please, Nathalie.

She picks up for him.

97 NATHALIE
Hello?

On Nino, surprised.

98 NINO
Hey!... Uh... hello... Ma'am!

Everyone around the table's looking at him -- they're surprised by his "ma'am". Nino mutes his phone and whispers:

99 NINO (CONT'D)
It's the Ice Queen!

As he turns the mic back on, Alya leans towards Zoe (who didn't get it) to explain what Adrien just meant.

100 ALYA
The "Ice Queen" is Adrien's dad's assistant!

Nino loses his good spirits – he looks suddenly worried.

101 NINO
Is Adrien ok?

On Nathalie, who gets up off the bed and paces the room, walking away from Adrien.

102 NATHALIE
He was just feeling a little tired, so he came home. He's resting now. Don't worry about him.

Nino's put her on speakerphone, so the gang can hear what Natalie's saying. Their hopes are dashed.

103 NINO
Okay, thank you, ice-- uh, ma'am. Tell him his friends said hi.

Nino turns off his Alliance, looking dejected.

Disappointed, Alya turns to Zoe.

104 ALYA
I guess Marinette and boys is a truly hopeless case...

Zoe looks sympathetic.

15 **INT. HALL - DAY**

As she leaves Adrien’s room, Nathalie bumps into Gabriel, who has come to see his son.

105 NATHALIE
Your son isn't feeling well.

106 GABRIEL
I know.

She warns him.

107 NATHALIE
Don’t take advantage of his distress.

108 GABRIEL
I’m not a monster. I’m just here to comfort him. I’m his father, am I not?

Nathalie steps aside. Gabriel enters the room.

16 **INT. ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

When he sees his father, Adrien looks sorry.

109 ADRIEN
I'm sorry I'm not at school.

110 GABRIEL
I’m not here to reprimand you, Adrien.

He sits down next to him and looks at the photo of Emilie on the bedside table.

111 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
I know only too well what it’s like to have a broken heart.

Gabriel is holding an Alliance ring in his hand.

112 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Even though you’re not very fond of the Alliance ring... it would really make me feel more comfortable, as a father, if you'd wear one.

As he speaks, he puts the ring on Adrien’s finger, right next to the one bearing the Miraculous.

113 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
That way, you can reach me anytime, if you want to talk. And unlike a phone, there’s no risk of losing it.

Gabriel launches an app himself as its logo pops up.

114 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
There are even applications to help soothe your pain.

A soft little tune begins playing. The Lila hologram appears and kindly asks:

115 HOLOGRAM LILA
On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your heartache?

Adrien is moved by his father’s attention.

116 ADRIEN
Thank you, dad.

Gabriel smiles at him and stands up. Once his back is turned, CU on his evil face as he leaves the room.

The app’s little music rings out in the darkness of the room.

Now alone, Adrien holds the ring to his mouth and whispers:

117 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Alliance, please turn off the app.

Silence. Adrien takes off the Alliance.

17 **CROSS-CUT - MARINETTE'S ROOM / ADRIEN'S ROOM - DAY**

Marinette is still in her bed when Tikki comes to find her, looking serious.

They exchange a long, silent look, then the kwami begins.

118 TIKKI
Marinette Dupain-Cheng, you have been an exemplary holder of the Miraculous of the Ladybug. You've always used the power of Creation for the greater good.

A similar scene at Adrien's. He's in bed too, with Plagg next to him.

119 PLAGG
Adrien Agreste, you have been an exemplary holder of the Miraculous of the Cat Noir. You've always used the power of Destruction for the greater good.

Plagg pauses, thinking to himself.

120 PLAGG (CONT'D)
I wish I could say the same about me.

Back to Tikki and Marinette.

121 TIKKI
The task you were performing so well has become too much of a burden, crushing you. Your mission is now over.

Tears well up in Marinette's eyes. The same goes with Adrien, who wonders:

122 ADRIEN
But Monarch...

123 PLAGG
Someone will succeed you. You won't have to hide anything anymore from the ones you love. You can finally be yourself.

Marinette, her eyes filling up with tears, gives a hint of a smile.

124 MARINETTE
You don't have to do this Tikki...

Tikki's solemn wall starts cracking a little. The kwami can't help but add, with a soft, quavering voice:

125 TIKKI
This means you can be in love with Adrien.

Marinette’s smile vanishes. Tears starts rolling down her cheeks.

The same goes with Plagg and Adrien.

126 PLAGG
This means you can tell Marinette all your silly, soppy feelings.

SPLIT-SCREEN (see episode *Origins* when they first discovered their Miraculous)

Adrien (on the left) slowly takes off his ring and gives it to Plagg.

Marinette (on the right) slowly takes off her other earring and gives it to Tikki.

127 MARINETTE
We'll see each other again, right Tikki ?

Tikki flies to the window and turns around to look at Marinette one last time.

128 TIKKI
I’ll never forget you, Marinette.

Marinette watches Tikki fly out the window...

In Adrien’s room, Plagg turns around, trying to be cynical one last time, trying (in vain) to hide his emotion.

129 PLAGG
You’ll never forget me, Adrien!

Adrien watches him fly out the window, unable to hold back his tears...

18 **INT. LAIR - DAY**

Monarch opens the iris window in his lair again. He closes his eyes, concentrating...

130 MONARCH
Adrien's sadness is even greater than before.

Monarch holds out his hand. A white butterfly comes and lands. He closes his fist. Lightning crackles...

131 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Now that he has an Alliance, he will make an even more powerful akumatized villain...

Monarch opens his hand. A Megakuma flies away...

Monarch places the ring with the seal of the horse against Kaalki's cage.

132 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Kaalki, your power is mine!

Kaalki's cage transfers the kwami’s energy into the ring, which lights up. Monarch can now open a portal without having to transform.

133 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my Megakuma!

The Megakuma enters the portal.

19 **CROSS-CUT - ADRIEN'S ROOM / MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Adrien is standing in the middle of his room, still looking at the window, idle, when the Voyage portal opens behind him without him hearing. The Megakuma flies out of it and towards him...

Meanwhile, Marinette is also standing in the middle of her room, idle. Staring at the trash can that Adrien has righted and that’s still filled with torn photos of him.

The Megakuma is still flying towards Adrien, whose eyes fall on his open schoolbag. The red folder Miss Bustier gave him is sticking out. His face suddenly lights up. He grabs his bag and runs out of the room as if his life depended on it.

INSERT ON MONARCH - clenching his fist.

134 MONARCH
What's happening? I can no longer feel his negative emotions...

A portal opens in Adrien's room. The Megakuma turns back and disappears into the portal, which closes behind him.

BACK TO - Marinette touches her ears. No more earrings. She walks to the trash can with the pictures of Adrien. She takes one, then two... She takes them out one by one, as if her life depended on it.

20 **INT. MONARCH'S LAIR**

The Megakuma flies out of a portal in Monarch’s lair. The villain senses another negative emotion. He pauses, surprised.

135 MONARCH
Hum... what a powerful negative emotion... Let's take a closer look, my Megakuma...

He opens a new portal into which he sends the Megakuma. We stay with Monarch. Through the portal, he sees...

...his target's hand. A hand with one Alliance for each finger.

136 MONARCH (CONT'D)
So much anger in one single person -
- with 5 Alliances to boot?

He turns to the kwamis in their cages.

137 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Rejoice dear kwamis, five Alliances enables as many Miraculous powers to transfer at the same time. This villain promises to be exceptional!

21 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Meanwhile, Adrien runs down the street, his bag slung across his shoulder.

22 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM**

Adrien swings the trapdoor open in Marinette's bedroom and freezes. The shutters are now open, sunlight floods the room again.

Marinette jumps as Adrien bursts in. She was busy piecing together her collage of photos of Adrien with scotch tape.

They stare at each other. A beat.

Adrien shyly pulls the red folder out of his bag.

138 ADRIEN
I... I forgot to give you your homework.

Marinette hurriedly hides the photos behind her back...

A long silence between the two of them.

139 MARINETTE
Uh... You know... earlier... I... I didn't mean what I said. I was feeling down. I told you horrible things because I just wanted to be alone.

140 ADRIEN
So, when you said that you used to love me... that wasn't true?

141 MARINETTE
Uh... No! No, of course I lov... I love... loved... I love... I... gaaah...

142 ADRIEN
Are you okay? Do you need a glass of water?

143 MARINETTE
No, wait, wait...
(to herself)
(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)
I can do this.
(to Adrien)
I lo-- I love... Gah I *can't* do this!!! What is wrong with me??!!

Adrien smiles, moved by her distress:

144 ADRIEN
You don't have to tell me anything, if you can't...
(A beat)
Hold on, I have an idea.

He takes a step towards her.

145 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
I'm going to ask you some questions. Raise your right hand for yes, and your left hand for no.

Just then, the trapdoor opens. Only we (the viewers) see Tom and Sabine, wearing a cap, a hat, sunglasses and carrying a parasol.

146 TOM
Marinette! Come on, we're taking the day off! Nothing like a change of scenery when you're feeling dow--

They realize that Adrien is back and talking with a smiling Marinette. The teenagers haven't even noticed Tom and Sabine's interruption. Tom immediately closes the trapdoor softly, motioning to Sabine that they won't be going on a holiday after all.

Back on Adrien:

147 ADRIEN
Did you ever love me?

Marinette shyly raises her right hand: yes. Terrified, she doesn't dare to look at him.

Adrien smiles. Reassured, he goes on:

148 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
You also said that you no longer love me. If that wasn't true, does this mean that... you still love me?

Marinette raises her left hand. Adrien's face falls.

Marinette sees his face and realizes that she's made a mistake.

149 MARINETTE
No!
(She brings her hand down.)
Wait!
(MORE)

MARINETTE (CONT'D)
(She raises her hand, brings it down)
I always confuse my left and right...

Adrien smiles.

150 ADRIEN
If you need more time...

Marinette suddenly raises her right hand super-fast, barely daring to look at him.

Adrien ventures:

151 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
...more time... with me?

This time, Marinette takes her time, but she raises her right hand yes very high, while taking a step towards Adrien. She takes the red folder from him.

152 MARINETTE
Thanks for bringing my homework...

153 ADRIEN
I'm really glad that I did.

23 **INT. ARTS CLASSROOM - DAY**

Unaware of what's going on between Marinette and Adrien, the friends are once again wide of the mark. Alya, Marc and Nathaniel brainstorm with all the gang, gathered in the arts classroom. The situation is serious.

154 ALYA
Right. Marinette and Adrien are bummed out... *

155 NINO
...alone in their homes.

Rose cries softly, consoled by Juleka.

156 MARC
We need to put our brains together and come up with a plan to save their love! Any ideas?

Marc is ready to take notes, Nath is getting ready to draw. Except nobody speaks.

157 MARC (CONT'D)
Okay, let's go over the basics again. Easy. Marinette is in love with Adrien...

158 NATHANIEL
...and Adrien is in love with Marinette...

159 MYLENE
So then what's the problem? I mean it doesn't get any simpler than that!!!

Meanwhile the kwamis Plagg and Tikki observe them, hiding in the drop ceiling, looking for their next holders.

Tikki observes Alya as she gets a call from her sister Nora. Nora's profile picture appears above the Alliance. This time Alya picks up.

160 NORA (IN ALLIANCE)
Geez, sis! You never pick up the phone when I, like, actually need your advice...

161 ALYA
I couldn't pick up, I'm at school!

162 NORA
Yeah, right, so you see, I had no choice but to deal with it myself!

163 ALYA
No, Nora, I told you before: you gotta talk before you act!

164 NORA
Yeah, but I did talk, like, I said stuff in front of Boubi’s bros...

165 ALYA
Nora... not “talk” like that... *

166 NORA
And I think I might have put him on the spot on social media, like... the thing is I think... **I've upset Boubi!**

Alya receives a photo (it pops up in 3D above the Alliance). It shows rapper Boubi in a tracksuit, with gold necklaces and many Alliance rings on his fingers. (We recognize the hand seen earlier with Monarch). Nora has drawn over the photo to ridicule him.

Alya is appalled.

167 ALYA
No, Nora... you can’t do stuff like that! *

Tikki listens carefully to Alya, nodding to the good advice she gives. Tikki turns to Plagg.

168 TIKKI
I've found my holder, Plagg.

Plagg looks at Nino supporting Alya.

169 PLAGG
So have I!

Nino kisses Alya's cheek. Plagg backtracks.

170 PLAGG (CONT'D)
Gaaah, no. He and Alya are in love! We'd run into the same old problems...

He starts looking again among the students in the room. He suddenly stops on Zoe as she tells her friends:

171 ZOE
Why don't we start by asking their opinions before we make any plans?

Zoe grabs her bag and heads for the exit. Plagg watches Zoe as she leaves the room, and then tells Tikki:

172 PLAGG
I may have found my holder!

24 **EXT. OUTSIDE SCHOOL - DAY**

Zoe leaves the school and uses her Alliance to summon the Lila hologram.

173 ZOE
Alliance, please call Marinette.

174 MARINETTE (VOICEMAIL)
You’ve reached the weakest washout on the planet. Don’t bother leaving a message, it’s pointless.

Zoe reaches the traffic light, across the street from the Dupain-Cheng bakery. She looks up at Marinette’s window and leaves a message.

175 ZOE
Marinette, it’s Zoe. I know how complicated love can be sometimes. I’ll be outside your building if you wanna talk.

As she hangs up, she feels something on her back. She turns around and sees a ring on the ground. Then, she hears...

176 PLAGG
Pssst!

She looks up, and sees Plagg waving at her from the subway entrance where he’s hiding.

25 **INT. SCHOOL - BATHROOM - DAY**

Alya’s in the bathroom when Tikki finds her...

177 ALYA
Tikki?

178 TIKKI
Alya! I need you!

Tikki shows her the earrings/Miraculous.

179 ALYA
Did something happen to Marinette?

180 TIKKI
No, she's fine. I reclaimed the Miraculous from her...
(tenderly)
... so she can live her love story with Adrien.

Alya, struck to the heart, takes Tikki in her hand, to console the sad kwami.

181 ALYA
Oh Tikki! And... what're you gonna do now?

182 TIKKI
I have to choose a new holder.

On Alya, surprised.

183 TIKKI (CONT'D)
And you once were a successful holder.
(A beat)
I feel safe with you. I know you'll find the strength to shoulder such responsibility.

184 ALYA
But what am I gonna do about Nino?

185 TIKKI
It would be best if you didn't tell him.

Alya hesitates. She looks down.

186 ALYA
I don't know if I can, Tikki. I don't like hiding things from my boyfriend.

Tikki looks even sadder.

187 TIKKI
I understand.

A beat. Alya carries Tikki, still in the palm of her hand, closer to her face.

188 ALYA
If I do it, you really think Marinette will have a chance to have her love story with Adrien?

Tikki nods.

189 ALYA (CONT'D)
Then if it means my BFF can be happy... I accept!

Tikki smiles emotionally.

26 **INT. MARINETTE'S ROOM - DAY**

Adrien and Marinette haven't moved an inch.

190 ADRIEN
Right, so... I guess I'll go...

Marinette grabs the red folder Adrien was holding out (finally!) and clumsily drops it!!!

They both bend down to pick it up and bang their heads together

ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Oh, sorry...

MARINETTE
Oh, sorry...

Suddenly the building starts shaking. It's nothing to do with them! They go to the window and see, between the buildings: a HUMONGOUS SUPER VILLAIN.

27 **EXT. MARINETTE'S PATIO - DAY**

Marinette and Adrien come out onto the patio from where they can see the villain better. (We recognize Boubi, the rapper Nora ridiculed earlier). He is still wearing his tracksuit and his gold chains. But now, his hands are covered with boxing gloves that he uses to hit the buildings he passes. He wears a huge mouth guard, like a second jaw barring his face...

191 MARINETTE
I think you're gonna have to wait a little while before you head home!

192 ADRIEN
Yes, let's wait until Ladybug's taken care of this villain!

Marinette touches her ear without thinking. The jewels are gone.

193 MARINETTE
Ladybug... and Cat Noir!

Just then, Adrien looks at his hand. There's no ring there. (Note: Marinette doesn't see him doing it.)

28 **EXT. PARIS / DALLE DES OLYMPIADES - DAY**

The angry super villain's punching buildings. His boxing gloves go off (as if with a spring), hit their target and then spring back into place.

194 SUPER VILLAIN
Raaaaaah!!!

Just then **SCARABELLA** lands on a roof... immediately joined by **KITTY NOIRE.** A beat. The superheroes stare at each other, very surprised.

195 SCARABELLA
Who are you?

196 KITTY NOIRE
Who are *you*?

No time to answer as the villain slams his fist between the two heroines. They jump to avoid the blow. A powerful blow, clearly linked to the Miraculous of the Tiger.

197 BIBOU
And I am Bibou!

INSERT ON - Marinette is startled when Bibou slams down his fist. Without thinking, she takes Adrien's arm (without realizing it).

198 ADRIEN
Scarabella is back!

199 MARINETTE
But Cat Noir isn't here!

200 ADRIEN
I'm sure everything is going to be okay.

Marinette seems soothed by Adrien's reassuring words, but she keeps staring at the battle scene, vigilant.

BACK TO - Scarabella and Kitty Noire, who dodged BIBOU's punch. Now apart from each other, with Bibou standing between them, they talk to each other at a distance.

201 SCARABELLA
Maybe skip the introductions for now?

202 KITTY NOIRE
Approved! Why don't we start by calming down... "Bibou"!?
Cataclysm!

Kitty Noire unleashes her super power and does an acrobatic trick to cataclysm Bibou.

203 BIBOU
Voyage!

Before she touches him, Bibou disappears into a teleportation portal... and reappears right behind her when she lands on the ground.

Bibou is already slamming his fist down towards her... but Scarabella jumps in and protects Kitty Noire, giving her time to get back on her feet.

204 KITTY NOIRE
(to Scarabella)
Sorry...

205 SCARABELLA
No problem! That's why there's two of us, so we can help each other!

206 KITTY NOIRE
Thanks!

While talking, Scarabella uses her yo-yo as a shield so that she and Kitty Noire can move around without Bibou being able to touch them.

207 SCARABELLA
Ready?

Kitty Noire nods. Scarabella raises her yo-yo, allowing Kitty Noire to lunge forward, her hand charged with negative energy. Taking Bibou by surprise, she touches him...

But nothing happens!

Even worse, with a punch, he sends Kitty Noire flying backwards.

Surprised, Scarabella takes a hit too, propelled all the way to Kitty Noire. The two superheroes help each other to their feet. (Note for the board: we want to show that they're not as good as LB and CN usually are. Let's not forget that this is their first time!) *

208 SCARABELLA (CONT'D)
That's impossible! He’s got multiple Miraculous powers working at the same time!

Bibou is already walking towards them.

209 BIBOU
Don't make Bibou angry!

The superheroes go over everything.

210 KITTY NOIRE
Teleportation, super punch, invulnerability...

Scarabella refers to the shield around Bibou's mouth guard.

211 SCARABELLA
And the protection shield!

212 KITTY NOIRE
He has to protect his mouth guard because that's where the akuma is!

213 SCARABELLA
(Using Kitty Noire's expression with a knowing wink)
Approved!

INSERT ON Monarch - In his lair, he places his ring on a new cage to charge a new power.

214 MONARCH
Mullo, give me your power!

Mullo's cage transfers energy from the kwami into Monarch's ring, which lights up. Monarch presses the seal.

215 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Transfer!

BACK TO Bibou.

216 MONARCH (CONT'D)
I'm offering you the power of Multiplication as a bonus, but remember, dear Bibou: in return, you must bring me your opponents' Miraculous! *

217 BIBOU
Bibou is the strongest!
Multiplication!

Suddenly Bibou multiplies. Once, twice, three times...

The superheroes are quickly surrounded by Bibous. As they protect themselves, they try to think of a plan.

218 SCARABELLA
To destroy his mouth guard, we have to destroy the shield...

219 KITTY NOIRE
But since he's invulnerable...

220 SCARABELLA
We can't destroy the shield!

221 KITTY NOIRE
There's only one solution: we get him to drop it himself!

Scarabella nods and moves into position:

222 SCARABELLA
Lucky charm!

Scarabella gets a parachute. She turns to Kitty Noire.

223 KITTY NOIRE
Looks like we're gonna land on our feet after all!

224 SCARABELLA
That's right!

We see Scarabella explaining something to Kitty Noire, but we can't hear because we are now with one of the Bibous.

225 BIBOU
Fear!!!

226 KITTY NOIRE
Oh, no... you're sooo scary, Bibou!

227 BIBOU
Ahah! She's afraid of Bibou!
Chicken!

Kitty Noire pretends to run away. Scarabella remains alone against the 3 Bibous.

228 SCARABELLA
Can you believe her!? Just let her go, she's no match for you...
Boubi!

229 BIBOU
Not Boubi... me Bibou!

230 SCARABELLA
Yeah, right... it’s you and me now... I mean...
(Facing her are three Bibous)
...me and the three of you!

231 BIBOU
Bibou wanna hit the bug!

232 SCARABELLA
Sure, if you want... or rather, if you can!
(to herself)
Thanks a lot, Nora!

From there, we alternate between shots of Scarabella fighting against the multiple Bibous and shots of Kitty Noire preparing a plan.

29 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Kitty Noire stops a fireman in his truck and asks him for a favor.

30 **INT. SOCQUELINE'S SHOP - DAY**

Kitty Noire and the fireman are in Socqueline's shop – Socqueline gives them cans of paint.

31 **EXT. STREET - DAY**

Two firefighters put some hoses together.

Kitty Noire opens a manhole cover and jams her staff in it.

Kitty Noire extends her staff to go high into the sky with the fire hose and the (Lucky Charm) parachute hanging from the end.

32 **EXT. PARIS / DALLE DES OLYMPIADES - DAY**

Scarabella, meanwhile, is in a bad position, overwhelmed by the number of Bibous.

But just then, the firemen open the fire hydrants. The parachute canvas fills up, forming a giant water bomb filled with paint.

As the multiple Bibous threaten Scarabella...

233 BIBOU
Give me your Miraculous, Ladybug!

... Kitty Noire makes the paint bomb fall from the sky and explode on the head of one of the giant Bibous.

Blinded, he has to remove his shield to see something.

234 BIBOU (CONT'D)
Unshield!

Scarabella takes advantage of it to throw her yo-yo, breaking the giant mouth guard with it. The megakuma escapes. She captures it.

235 SCARABELLA
No more evil-doing for you,
Megakuma. Time to de-evilize!
Gotcha! / Bye bye Butterfly!

Bibou turns back into Boubi. He comes to, looks around him... and sees Nora turn up on the esplanade. *

235A NORA *
Geez, Boubi! You went bananas *
again! *

235B BOUBI *
Huh? Hey, come on, I didn't do *
anything! *

A beat. Scarabella and Kitty Noire give him skeptical looks. *

235C BOUBI (CONT'D) *
(awkward) *
Did I? *

235D KITTY NOIRE *
You were akumatized. *

235E SCARABELLA *
And *pretty* angry, too! *

Shooting a worried glance at Nora, Boubi can't help himself but say:

235F BOUBI
That was her fault! She made a fool of me!

235G NORA
Oh yeah? Well, better be respectful when you talk to me, then!

Scarabella stands between them to mediate.

235H SCARABELLA
Maybe you two should try to keep your emotions in check when you're communicating!

A beat. Nora and Boubi exchange obviously moved smiles. Scrabella tosses her Lucky Charm up in the air.

236 SCARABELLA (CONT'D)
Miraculous Scarabella !

33 **EXT. MARINETTE'S TERRACE - DAY**

Adrien and Marinette see the magic ladybugs fix everything in Paris. They witness this moment like two fascinated spectators. Once everything is back to normal, Marinette realizes that she's still holding Adrien's arm. She quickly lets go of it, blushing.

237 MARINETTE
Sorry...

Adrien smiles.

238 ADRIEN
That's okay.

Marinette doesn't know what do to with herself.

239 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
I don't know what happened to the other Ladybug and Cat Noir, but these new heroes seem pretty amazing, don't you think?

240 MARINETTE
So... it's safe now ?

241 ADRIEN
Yes. The coast is clear.

242 MARINETTE
Ah!
(sadly)
That means you can head home.

243 ADRIEN
Yes. But I'll see you tomorrow at school?

244 MARINETTE
Yes.

POSTER PAINT - On one side: the new heroes. On the other: Marinette holding Adrien's arm.

34 **INT. MONARCH - DAY**

In his lair, Monarch transforms back into Gabriel. His Alliance suddenly starts beeping. He calls up Emilie's hologram.

245 ALLIANCE-EMILIE
Warning threshold exceeded: data beyond normal human capabilities have been recorded on two Alliances.

Gabriel cracks an evil smile.

246 GABRIEL
Sometimes change is good.

END OF EPISODE